

REMARKS

This preliminary amendment is being submitted to accompany a new continuation application filed herewith. Amendments to the specification include an amendment to the paragraph describing related applications to identify the present application as a continuation application of U.S. Application No. 10/052,005. Further amendments to the specification were submitted in a response filed on November 21, 2003 in that prior application. Amendments to the claims cancel the original claims 1-6 and replace them with new claims 7-26. New claims 7-26 are pending upon entry of the instant amendment. Support for new claims 7-26 can be found in the original claims and throughout the specification, for example at pages 67-77. No new matter has been added.

Also submitted herewith is an Information Disclosure Statement referring to Forms 1449, Forms PTO-892 and Forms PTO/SB/08A and 08B listing references previously made of record in prior applications.

In addition, a paper copy of an updated Sequence Listing previously submitted, on November 21, 2003, in U.S. Application No. 10/052,005 is submitted herewith to replace the original sequence listing found at pages 114-117 of the specification. Also included herewith is a copy of the Declaration under 37 CFR § 1.132 submitted on November 21, 2003 together with that updated Sequence Listing to state that additional SEQ ID NO:9 introduces no new matter.

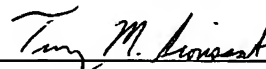
Entry of the preliminary amendments and remarks made herein is respectfully requested.

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